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Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products May 2013

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary May steel imports were **\$2.5 billion** (**2.5 million** metric tons) compared to the preliminary April totals of \$2.5 billion (2.4 million metric tons).

The May change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected increases primarily in reinforcing bars and blooms, billets and slabs; and a decrease occurred primarily in plates in coils. Increases occurred primarily with Turkey and Brazil. Decreases occurred primarily with Japan and Germany.

The year to date final statistics through April 2013 showed steel imports of 9.5 million metric tons compared with 10.7 million metric tons through April 2012. The largest commodity decreases occurred primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Increases occurred primarily in hot dipped galvanized sheets and strips. The largest country decrease occurred primarily with Russia. Increases occurred primarily with China and Mexico.

Notes:

The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.

Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details, visit the Foreign Trade Division web site at www.census.gov/trade. On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.

The next release is July 24, 2013.